

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 9, 2015

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville met on regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015 in the City Council Chambers, Room 301 Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana, with President H. Dan Adams presiding. The following business was conducted.

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audio recordings of this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

President Adams: The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville is hereby called to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present: McGinn, Mosby, Robinson, Lindsey, Weaver, Adams

Absent: Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, O'Daniel

President Adams: There being I believe six (6) members present, three (3) members absent, six members representing a quorum, I hereby declare this session of the Common Council officially opened, this being the 21st meeting of year.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I think we have a representative of scout troop here to do our Allegiance tonight. Am I correct in that? Would you come up, sir, bring your guys up here? Don't be shy; Mr. Danks won't bite you. Come on up, please. Great, perfect. Thank you.

Thank you. Would you tell us which troop you are and...yeah.

Unidentified Speaker: We represent Troop 397 out of St. Philip.

President Adams: Thank you. Thanks so much for coming. That's very kind of you.

Applause

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

Do we have any other students here tonight? Would you please stand up? I saw a whole bunch of students in the back. Stand up please. Great. If you have anything that you want us to sign after the meeting, would you please come up and we'll be glad to sign that for you. Okay, thank you so much for coming.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

We also have a couple of Teen Advisory Committee.

Unidentified Speaker: I'm from Mater Dei.

President Adams: Your name?

Railen Grossman: Railen Grossman.

President Adams: And what class are you?

Railen Grossman: I'm a freshman.

President Adams: And what are you going to be doing when you're 35 years old?

Laughter

Councilman Lindsey: *(Off Mic)* She goes to Mater Dei. She supposed to be really good at what she does.

President Adams: Okay, I'm joined by Kristen...oh, I'm sorry. Excuse me, sir, go ahead.

Jed Maharis: I'm Jed Maharis and I am a junior at Memorial.

President Adams: And your interests?

Jed Maharis: I'm not decided yet.

President Adams: Okay, great. Next to me is a marvelous person. His name is Kristen, with a "K", Lockyear. If that sounds familiar to you it is. He is a sophomore at Sig School and he had an interesting injury with his right leg at his fibula and that made him really want to think about going into Orthopaedic surgery. Is that right?

Kristen Lockyear: Yes.

President Adams: Well thank you for joining us. Great. Okay.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Scott Danks is our City Council Attor...what? Did I miss somebody?

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

President Adams: Oh, okay. Scott Danks is our attorney tonight.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Officer Nutt, thank you so much being here, sir.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Adams: Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 meetings of the Common Council as written?

Councilman Lindsey: So moved.

Councilwoman Mosby: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Nay? None. So ordered.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

IN YOUR NOVEMBER 5th PACKET:

- * City Council Meeting Agenda and Committee Meeting Schedule for November 9, 2015
- * Ordinance F-2015-22
- * September 2015 Financial Report
- * 2016 Annual Action Plan Draft
- * Evansville Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2015
- * Legal Aid Society September 2015 Fund Reports

EMAILED MATERIAL:

- * City Council Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2015

ON YOUR DESK THIS EVENING:

- * Extended Agenda
- * 2016 Budget Book Revisions

President Adams: Is there a motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes?

Councilwoman Mosby: So moved.

Councilman McGinn: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So be it.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

O'DANIEL

C-4 to C-2

Petitioner: Michael W. Brown

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THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION C-2015-20**FINANCE****O'DANIEL**

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville In Support of Economic Development Incentives Offered to IRD Group, Inc. by the City of Evansville for the Rehabilitation of Real Property and Installation of New Equipment in the Facility at 2138 N. Sixth Street, Evansville, Indiana 47710

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**A.S.D. COMMITTEE:****CHAIRWOMAN BRINKERHOFF-RILEY**

President Friend: *Ordinance G-2015-22* has been tabled until next year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:**CHAIRMAN O'DANIEL**

President Adams: The *Resolutions C-2015-18, C-2015-19, and C-2015-20* all come forward with a do-pass.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**CHAIRMAN LINDSEY**

Chairman Lindsey: Yes, the *Resolution C-2015-21*, we've tabled it until the next meeting.

President Adams: Is there a motion to adopt the Committee Reports and move the Ordinances for a Third Reading?

Councilwoman Mosby: So moved.

Councilman Lindsey: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? So pass.

We skip that page.

REGULAR AGENDA**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION C-2015-18****FINANCE****O'DANIEL**

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Ratifying the 2016 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan

President Adams: Is there a motion to adopt Resolution...

Councilwoman Robinson: So moved.

Councilman Lindsey: Second.

President Adams: Resolution C-2015-18? We have a mo...

Council Attorney Danks: We have a motion and a second.

President Adams: Great. Okay. Roll call, please.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Mosby, Robinson, Lindsey, Weaver, Adams

Absent: Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, O'Daniel

President Adams: There being six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays, Resolution C-2015-18 is hereby declared adopted.

RESOLUTION C-2015-19

FINANCE

O'DANIEL

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Confirming the Declaration of an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for the Rehabilitation of Real Property and Installation of New Equipment 2138 N. Sixth Street, Evansville, Indiana 47710 (IRD Group, Inc.)

President Adams: Is there a motion to adopt Resolution C-2015-19?

Councilman Lindsey: So moved.

Councilman McGinn: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. Please give us the roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Mosby, Robinson, Lindsey, Weaver, Adams

Absent: Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, O'Daniel

President Adams: There being six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays, Resolution C-2015-19 is hereby declared adopted.

RESOLUTION C-2015-20

FINANCE

O'DANIEL

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President Adams: Is there a motion to adopt Resolution C-2015-20?

Councilman Lindsey: So moved.

Councilwoman Mosby: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Mosby, Robinson, Lindsey, Weaver, Adams

Absent: Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, O'Daniel

President Adams: There being six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays, Resolution C-2015-20 is hereby declared adopted.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Common Council will be Monday, a week from now, November 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Committee meetings will be starting a little bit earlier.

Councilman Lindsey: 5:20.

Speaking Simultaneously

City Clerk Windhorst: 5:20.

President Adams: 5:20?

City Clerk Windhorst: Uh-huh.

President Adams: Okay. Is there any miscellaneous business that anyone would like to discuss at this juncture? Please, come up.

Connie Whitman: Good evening, Council and everybody.

President Adams: Your name please, and address.

Connie Whitman: *(Off Mic)* Can you pass these around? *(Inaudible)*

(On Mic) Connie Whitman, 1780 S. Norman.

President Adams: Thank you.

Connie Whitman: I am sorry to boil a multi-faceted issue down to a few sound bites but I have a little complaint. Anyway, I read in the Courier & Press that Councilman Weaver thinks the voters are tired of the Council bickering. I also read Councilman Mosby thinks it's embarrassing. And sorry Councilman McGinn but I read that you think the voters want the Council to act like grown-ups and...

Councilman McGinn: I didn't state that.

Connie Whitman: Well you didn't say...

Councilman McGinn: That was a quotation by a...

Connie Whitman: Okay, you were misquoted. Thank you.

Councilman McGinn:...person in the newspaper so if you're going to quote me, please quote me accurately.

Connie Whitman: Oh, okay.

Councilman McGinn: I never said this.

Connie Whitman: Well I read it in the paper. Okay, I read it in the paper. I'm sorry. Okay, good. I'm glad to hear that because I don't agree with those statements. You're not speaking for me if you believe that and unless you're having closed meetings how could you possibly be in agreement before the meetings start.

Councilman Weaver: I got 11,000 votes.

Councilman McGinn: Oh. I would think that open, honest debate is your job. That's what we come here for. We want to hear...I don't even know what these ordinances are about; I want to hear more.

But I think the election results have cast a pall over this town. There were 19 some-thousand votes; 19,000 votes and almost a third of them...

Spoken Simultaneously

Council Attorney Danks: Ma'am, if I...if I may

Connie Whitman:...were for somebody who wasn't even...

Council Attorney Danks: Ma'am.

Connie Whitman: Huh?

Council Attorney Danks: If I may. If you could keep your comments germane to the business before the Council; the election is over. The Council has no control over the election results.

Connie Whitman: Okay, okay. Well, I was just going to say that's embarrassing that almost a third of the votes were for someone who wasn't on the ballot.

Council Attorney Danks: Again, an issue before the Council.

Connie Whitman: Okay, okay. Well, I just wanted to say that people aren't leaving because there's nothing to do downtown and because they're embarrassed by Council debate. They're leaving because of the perception of toadyism, cronyism, graft, and fraud and that's what I hear when I talk to people, that Evansville has a reputation for that, and that's just what people are saying so I just wanted to say I hope you keep...keep a line on the budget and keep talking about it and keep informing us.

Thank you.

President Adams: Thank you ma'am.

Would anyone else like to speak at this juncture?

Okay, Committee Reports. A.S.D. ...I'm sorry; excuse me. I apologize; excuse me.

Councilwoman Mosby: I just wanted to congratulate Mater Dei and Reitz bands. They went to State this past weekend and...

President Adams: Great.

Councilwoman Mosby:...you know I'm just very proud of what they did and what they accomplished.

President Adams: How'd they do?

Councilwoman Mosby: I believe what Mater Dei was at seventh and...

President Adams: Eighth.

Councilwoman Mosby: Eighth.

President Adams: Uh-huh.

Councilwoman Mosby: And then Reitz was...

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic)* Reitz was seventh.

Councilwoman Mosby: Seventh, okay, I got in confused. Sorry. But yeah, they did great. They both went to State and very proud of what they accomplished.

President Adams: Terrific.

Okay, any other comments anybody would like to make about anything at this juncture?

Okay, Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2015

A.S.D. COMMITTEE:

Nothing scheduled for A.S.D.
next week.

**CHAIRWOMAN STEPHANIE
BRINKERHOFF-RILEY**

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Re: **Ordinance F-2015-22**
Time: 5:25 p.m.
Notify: Russ Lloyd

CHAIRMAN CONOR O'DANIEL

Authorizing Transfers of Appropriates,
Additional Appropriations and Repeal and
Re-Appropriation of Funds for Various City
Funds

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Re: **Resolution C-2015-21**
Time: 5:20 p.m.
Notify: Scott Danks

CHAIRMAN AL LINDSEY

Renaming Dorothy Beard Lane to Lake View
Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT

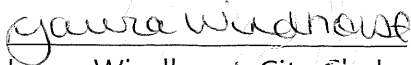
President Adams: Terrific. I'll entertain a motion for adjourn.


Councilman Lindsey: So moved.

Councilwoman Mosby: Second.

President Adams: All those in favor?

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.


Laura Windhorst, City Clerk


H. Dan Adams, M.D., President